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September 19 Telvock email questions:

We have obtained two reports - one dated May 10, 1974, and the other dated June 8, 1979- from a private investigating firm called Probe International. It is my understanding that an **EPA staff attorney, Margo Ludmer**, has been calling the surviving members of this firm. I am not sure why, but I'd like to find out.

These reports discuss how slag from Union Carbide was widely used in Niagara Falls. This slag has radioactive elements of varying degrees. Union Carbide is the subject of an EPA inquiry into contamination at the Niagara Falls Boulevard bowling alley, the Holy Trinity Cemetery and a residence on Upper Mountain Road. Union Carbide has denied any responsibility.

Yet, as far as we can tell, there has not been any comprehensive survey of potential hotspots since 1986. In addition, I have obtained records about how a lot of this material was buried in Niagara Falls at what then was called 56th and Pine (screenshot attached). This land, as far as I can tell, is not listed as an inactive hazardous waste site.

Why hasn't the EPA taken action for 738 Upper Mountain Road yet? Why hasn't the EPA stepped in to do a more comprehensive review to determine location and severity of additional hotspots?

I also need to understand what EPA's role is in this. Does the EPA only get involved if the state sends over properties for NPL consideration or removal consideration? Would EPA do additional surveys to determine the scope of the contaminated properties beyond what is in the 1986 ORNL report?